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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by unclear military policy. The US military is large, powerful and also dangerous. You have suggested increasing the military proportion of the budget, although it is already among the world's highest. At the same time you do not seem to know what to do with the existing military. Yesterday a significant troop level change in Afghanistan was hinted at, not from the White House but through a Defense Department memo and with no suggestion of the associated policy plans. The raids in Syria have been killing many more civilians, but again with no apparent plan to deal with this issue. There is no coherent foreign policy for the military to be supporting. Simply throwing money at the pentagon without any plans or leadership will create many more tragedies and enemies and leave the country with more weaponry and less strength.

Please assure me that you will take command of the military.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our moral world leadership.

Sincerely, Eric Babson